recommendations of the Review Committees and after obtaining No Objection from the concerned Investigation Agency. The revocation of suspension is without prejudice to the result of the pending cases.

Metro Rail Project for Madurai and Coimbatore

690. SHRIC. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to introduce Metro Rail Projects in Madurai and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu on the lines of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Central Government has not conducted any survey to introduce Metro Rail Project in Madurai and Coimbatore.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The urban transport being a state-subject, it is for the State Government to decide the necessity for such capital intensive projects in the cities, depending upon their transport needs.

Sky Bus Metro Service

691. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether a ten Member Committee, headed by P.V. Indiresan, set up to study the feasibility of "Sky Bus Metro Service" for cities, hailed as an ideal alternative transport system for the fast growing metros, has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of major recommendations made by the committee and the actidn taken/proposed to be taken thereon;

(C) the tentative list of cities selected for establishing and operating the sky bus metro service and the phased programme drawn up, if any, therefor; and

(d) the nature and pattern of the cooperation expected from the State Government and the details of the views obtained, if any, from the concerned States?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Poverty Alleviation Programmes

692. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the poverty alleviation programmes for the slum-dwellers and urban poor people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps Government propose to take to provide amenities to the slum-dwellers along with the financial assistance to the various States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation has been implementing a Centrally sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, through States/Union Territories, with effect from 01.12.1997 with a view to providing gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studies upto 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States.

In addition to the above, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, named as Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) is being implemented by the Central Government since December 2001, with a view to ameliorating the conditions of the urban slum dwellers living Below Poverty Line who do not possess adequate shelter. Primary objective of the scheme is to facilitate the construction and upgradation of the dwelling units for slum-dwellers and to provide health and enabling urban environment through community toilets under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan component of the scheme. This is the first scheme of its kind meant, exclusively, for the slum dwellers providing a Government of India subsidy of 50%, with the balance 50% to be arranged